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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION ☐ 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED ☐ 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT ☐DATE OBTAINED ☐ PREPARED 10 January 1952

REFERENCES 25X1A

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE ☐ 25X1X

- At 12:40 p.m. on 22 November 1951, 12 swept-back jet fighters and 2 single-engine planes were parked in front of the hangars and on the runway of Koethen airfield. Visibility was good. A swept-back jet fighter took off at 12:45 p.m. At 9 a.m. on 26 November, three swept-back jet fighters were parked in front of a hangar on the northeastern edge of the field. A single-engine plane was observed landing. A radio truck was parked in the middle of the landing field. The hangars were closed.

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- Between 3 and 3:25 p.m. on 3 December, 5 swept-back fighters were parked at the take-off point, and 4 two-seater single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines and two-bladed propellers were parked in front of the hangars in the northeastern section of the field. The weather was rainy. There was no flying although a truck and personnel were observed at the take-off point. A temporary telephone line extended from the field to Klein Badegast and from there to Liebsna.

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- Between 2:40 and 3:35 p.m. on 6 December, swept-back jet fighters landed at the field at 2:52, 2:55, 3:02, 3:05, 3:15, 3:17, 3:28 and 3:30 p.m., and single-engine low-wing monoplanes landed at 2:58, 3:00, 3:07, 3:08 and 3:09 p.m. There was windy and cloudy weather. At 3:15 p.m., 4 swept-back fighters, 4 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, 2 radio installations, many troops and numerous motor vehicles were observed at the take-off point. Excavation was under way at the fuel dump. Five gasoline containers which were about three fourths the size of railroad tank cars were unloaded at the spur track. *

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- * ☐ Comment. According to another source, Koethen airfield was occupied by a fighter regiment during the same period of observation. The type of flying observed indicated that the regiment was composed of flying personnel with only little experience on jet aircraft.

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